

Surah 8 Surah Anfaal

THE SPOILS OF WAR

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ANFAAL AND THE PRECEDING SURAHs

Surah Anfaal is linked to the preceding Surahs in the following two ways.

1. By Name “The Kuffaar and Mushrikeen will fight you when you propagate the message of Towheed. When you conquer them in these battles, you will receive booty (Anfaal). This booty should then be distributed according to Allaah's injunctions and not according to your own whims.”
2. By Content Surahs *Maa'idah*, *An'aam* and *A'raaf* all refuted Shirk with detailed proofs. *Surah A'raaf* warns that one will be faced with numerous trials and difficulties when propagating the message of Towheed, which is the opposite of all forms of Shirk. It warns that the Kuffaar and the Mushrikeen will leave no stone unturned to oppose this message of Towheed from reaching the masses.

Thereafter, *Surah Anfaal*, and the subsequent *Surah Taubah*, commands the Mu'mineen saying, “**Fight them until no corruption (kufr) exists and all religion (worship) is for Allaah**” [verse 39]. The Surah thus commands that Jihaad be waged against the Kuffaar so that Islaam reigns supreme and so that the Kuffaar are weakened in their effort against the Muslims.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Surah Anfaal may be divided into two parts. The first part commences at the beginning, and terminates at the end of verse 40 where Allaah says, “**What a terrific Friend and what a terrific Helper!**” The second part commences from verse 41 and continues until the end of the Surah. Both parts of the Surah discuss the distribution of booty, as well as providing details about Jihaad.

THE FIRST PART

The heading to this part is mentioned in verse 1, when Allaah says, “**The spoils of war are for Allaah and His messenger.**” This part of the Surah instructs that the booty and the method of distribution are both the rights of Allaah and should be attended to as detailed by Allaah's Rasool ﷺ. The Surah then proceeds to furnish seven reasons for the above decree. The gist of these reasons is that the Muslims would not have attained victory without Allaah's assistance. Therefore, the booty they received was purely by Allaah's grace and should naturally be distributed according to His command.

In addition to these reasons, this part also mentions five laws concerning Jihaad. Together with these injunctions of Jihaad, the first part of this Surah contains many reproaches, warnings, glad tidings and replies to objections.

THE SECOND PART

This part commences from verse 41 and terminates at the end of the Surah. This part also includes the two topics discussed in the first part viz. booty and Jihaad. The first part included seven reasons for distributing the booty according to Allaah's decree and the five laws of Jihaad, the second part also includes the same content but in the opposite order viz. First the five reasons are given and then the seven laws.

Among the verses detailing the laws of Jihaad is verse 61 in which Allaah says, **“If they (your enemy) are inclined towards making peace, then you should also incline yourselves to it (by concluding a peace treaty with them) and trust in Allaah”**. In such circumstances, Muslims should also enter into a pact because their objective is to propagate Allaah's Deen and not to spill blood.

After discussing the above, the Surah goes on to encourage the Muslims towards Jihaad and Hijrah from verse 72, where Allaah says, **“Without doubt those who had Imaan, who made Hijrah (migrated for Allaah's pleasure) and who strove in Allaah's way with their wealth and their lives...”** These verses convey glad tidings to those who engage in Jihaad and who make Hijrah.

سُورَةُ الْأَنْفَالِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ خَمْسٌ وَسَبْعُونَ آيَةً وَعِشْرُونَ كُتِبَ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَنْفَالِ قُلِ الْأَنْفَالُ لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَصْلِحُوا ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ وَأَطِيعُوا
اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ①

1. They ask you (O Muhammad ﷺ) about the spoils of war (about who will receive what portion of the spoils after the Battle of Badr). Say, "The spoils of war are for Allaah and His Rasool (for them to distribute it justly among the soldiers). So fear Allaah (deal justly), correct your mutual relations and obey Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ (the Shari'ah) if you are (true) Mu'mineen."

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَى
رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ②

2. The Mu'mineen are those whose hearts tremble (vibrate out of respect) when Allaah is mentioned, whose (strength of) Imaan increases when His Aayaat are recited to them and (as a result, they are those) who trust only in their Rabb (and listen to obey).

الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ③

3. They (the Mu'mineen) are those who establish salaah (perform it with all its etiquette) and who spend (for His pleasure) from what We have provided for them.

أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ④

4. These are the true Mu'mineen (about whose Imaan there can be no doubt). For them shall be elevated ranks by their Rabb (in Jannah), forgiveness and bountiful sustenance (provisions of honour).

كَمَا أَخْرَجَكَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَيْتِكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ فَرِيقًا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ ⑤

5. (Although the distribution of the spoils of war may not appeal to every person, it is in the best interest of all concerned. There are many such situations that are in the best interest of all, yet they do not appear so to everyone. One such situation was the Battle of Badr, which proved the strength of the Muslims and struck fear in the hearts of the Kuffaar, although

many Muslims were initially opposed to the decision to fight. Referring to this, Allaah says that the distribution of the spoils of war is **Just as your Rabb took you (O Muhammad ﷺ) from your home (Madinah) with the truth (with good cause to fight the battle) while there was certainly a group of the Mu'mineen who were unhappy (to fight the Kuffaar because they were not prepared for battle).** (The Muslims under the leadership of Rasulullaah ﷺ initially left Madinah to capture a trade caravan of the Quraysh heading for Makkah. However, when the caravan heard about the plan of the Muslims, they notified the people of Makkah, who prepared an army to defend the caravan. In the meantime, the caravan changed route and managed to escape unharmed. When the Makkan army was informed that the caravan no longer needed defence, they resolved to fight the Muslims and marched to face the Muslims at a place called Badr.)

يُجَادُونَكَ فِي الْحَقِّ بَعْدَ مَا تَبَيَّنَ كَأَنَّمَا يُسَاقُونَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ وَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ۖ

6. They (some Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ) differed with you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) regarding the truth (the necessity to fight) after it was made clear to them (that they had to face the enemy in battle), as if they were being driven towards death while they looked on (as if they were looking at their deaths approaching). (The few Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ who felt that the Muslims should not engage in battle did not argue adamantly in favour of their opinion, but merely voiced their concern that they were unprepared for battle because they had left Madinah with the intention only of capturing a trade caravan. However, because of their important position of being companions of Rasulullaah ﷺ, they were expected to have a high degree of trust in Allaah. It is for this reason that Allaah chides them in the above verses.)

وَأَذِيعُكُمْ اللَّهُ إِحْدَى الطَّائِفَتَيْنِ أَنَّهُمَا لَكُمْ وَنُودُونَ أَنَّ غَيْرَ ذَاتِ الشَّوْكَةِ تَكُونُ لَكُمْ وَيُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَن يُخَيِّقَ الْحَقَّ يَكْلَمْتِهِ وَيَقْطَعُ دَابِرَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ

7. (Remember the time) When Allaah promised you (Muslims) that one of the two groups (either the caravan or the Mushrikeen army) will certainly be yours and you wished that the one without strength (the caravan) be yours (rather than fighting a heavily armed army). (On the contrary,) Allaah desired that the truth (of Islam) be established (be recognised) as the truth (so that the Kuffaar would know that the Muslims are a force to be reckoned with) by His decree (as He had predestined) and that the roots of the Kaafiroon be cut.

لِيُخَيِّقَ الْحَقَّ وَيُجِبِلَّ الْبَاطِلَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ۝

8. (Allaah desired) That the truth (Islam) be established (be recognised and firmly rooted) as the truth and that falsehood (kufr) be established (be known) as falsehood, even though the disobedient ones (the Mushrikeen) detest it. (Because Allaah had destined that the Muslims should defeat the Mushrikeen in battle to prove their strength, the battle had to take place even though some people preferred not to fight. What Allaah decides must prevail because His decisions are most wise.)

إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِالْفِ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرْدِفِينَ ۝

9. (O Muhammad ﷺ, remember also the time before the Battle of Badr) When you sought (implored) help from your Rabb and He accepted your du'aa saying, "I shall strengthen (reinforce) you with a thousand angels who will appear one after another (to help you fight the Mushrikeen)." (To encourage the Muslims, Allaah later sent another two thousand angels and then another two thousand.)

عَمَّا وَمَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ بِهِ قُلُوبُكُمْ وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ١٠

10. Allaah had granted it (this help) as good (encouraging) news so that your hearts may be contented by it (although the Kuffaar seemed to have everything to their advantage). Help is only from Allaah. Verily Allaah is Mighty, the Wise.

إِذْ يَغْشَىٰكُمْ الْغَاسُ أَمَنَةً مِنْهُ وَيُنْزِلُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لِّيَطْهَرَكُمْ بِهِ وَيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمْ رِجْزَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيَرْبِطَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتَ بِهِ الْأَقْدَامَ ١١

11. (When the two armies met at Badr, the Mushrikeen camped at a place where there was sufficient water and where the ground was firm. On the other hand, the camp of the Muslims had no water and was covered with loose sand which made it difficult for them to move. To give courage to the Mu'mineen, Allaah again calls them to remember the time) When (in the thick of battle) slumber was made to envelop you as a means of serenity from Him (so that you do not panic) and He sent rain to you from the skies to purify you (so that you could perform wudhu for salaah), to dispel the evil thoughts cast by Shaytaan (who told the Mu'mineen that if they were on the right, they would not have been in a position where there was no water for them to drink or clean themselves with), to strengthen your hearts and to make your feet firm (with the rain, the ground in the Muslim camp became firm while the ground in the Mushrikeen camp became muddy and unstable).

إِذْ يُوْحِي رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلَأَةِ أَنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَثَبَّتُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا سَالِقَىٰ فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرَّعْبَ فَأَصْرَبُوا فَوْقَ الْأَعْنَاقِ وَاصْرَبُوا مِنْهُمْ كُلَّ بَنَانٍ ١٢

12. (You should also take courage from the time) When your Rabb commanded the angels saying, "Indeed I am with you, so (fully) strengthen the Mu'mineen (assist them in battle). I soon shall cast terror into the hearts of the Kuffaar, so strike their necks and their every fingertip." (The Muslim soldiers then saw that the head of an enemy soldier would fall to the ground before their swords could strike his neck because the angels struck first.)

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ١٣

13. This (death and defeat of the Mushrikeen) was because they opposed Allaah and His Rasool. Whoever opposes Allaah and His Rasool, then (they should bear in mind that) certainly Allaah is severe in punishment (this is a rule).

ذَٰلِكُمْ فَذُوقُوهُ وَأَنَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابَ النَّارِ ١٤

14. This (defeat and death are the punishment, O Kuffaar) so taste it (in this world already) ! (In addition to this) The Kaafiroon shall have (shall also suffer) the punishment of the Fire (of Jahannam in the Akhirah).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا زَحَفًا فَلَا تُوَلُّوهُمْ إِلَّا دُبَارًا ۝١٥

15. O you who have Imaan! When you meet the Kuffaar in battle, do not turn your backs to them (do not desert the battlefield, especially if the enemy are less than twice your number).

وَمَنْ يُؤَلِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ دُبْرًا إِلَّا مَتَحَرًّا لِّقِتَالٍ أَوْ مَتَحِيزًا إِلَىٰ فِتْنَةٍ فَقَدْ بَاءَ بِغَضَبٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَمَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمُ وَبُئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ۝١٦

16. On such a day (of battle), whoever will turn his back to them with a reason other than altering the course of battle (such as pretending to flee so that the enemy follows them into an ambush) **or** (flees with a reason other than) **retreating to (join with) another group** (of Muslim soldiers so that their combined force can fight the enemy), **then indeed he shall return with Allaah's anger and his abode shall be Jahannam** (because deserting the battlefield is a major sin). **What an evil place to return to!**

فَلَمْ تَقْتُلُوهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ قَتَلَهُمْ وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَمَىٰ وَلِيُبْلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْهُ بُلَاءً حَسَنًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ۝١٧

17. You (Muslims) did not kill them (the Mushrikeen by your own strength) **but it was Allaah Who killed them and you** (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **did not throw** (the handful of sand into the eyes of the Mushrikeen to temporarily blind all of them) **when you threw, but it was** (actually) **Allaah Who threw** (because if it were not for Allaah placing the power into the handful of sand, it would not have had the desired effect). (However, Allaah allowed the Mu'mineen to fight the Mushrikeen despite having the power to do it by Himself) **So that He may grant the Mu'mineen a grand reward from Himself** (the spoils of war in this world and greater rewards in the Aakhirah). **Verily Allaah is All Hearing (listens to your prayers), All Knowing (of your situation).**

ذَلِكُمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مُوهِنُ كَيْدِ الْكَافِرِينَ ۝١٨

18. So it was (everything has happened as it has been explained). (In addition to this) **Indeed it is Allaah Who weakens the plots (evil intentions) of the Kaafiroon** (thereby allowing the Mu'mineen to achieve victory).

إِنْ تَسْتَفْتِحُوا فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمُ الْفَتْحُ وَإِنْ تَنْتَهُوا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَإِنْ تَعُودُوا نَعُدْ وَلَنْ تُغْنِيَ عَنْكُمْ فِتْنَتُكُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَوْ كُفِّرْتُمْ ۝١٩ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝٢٠

19. (Referring to the prayer of the Mushrikeen before the Battle of Badr when they asked Allaah to destroy the party that was on falsehood, Allaah says to them,) If you require a decision (to know whether it is you or the Mu'mineen who are on the truth), **then indeed a decision has already come to you** (when you saw that the

Mushrikeen army were defeated and their leaders killed whereas Rasoolullah ﷺ remained safe and unhurt). **However, if you refrain** (from kufr and from fighting the Mu'mineen), **it will be best for you.** (However,) **If you repeat** (your aggression against the Mu'mineen), **We shall also repeat** (the help that We gave them) **and then your armies will be of no help to you even though they be many** (in number and weapons). **Verily Allaah is with the Mu'mineen** (and will always assist them as long as they are sincere).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا عَنَّهُ وَاتَّمَّ تَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. O you who have Imaan! Obey Allaah and His Rasool and do not turn away from him (do not oppose him by listening to evil ones) **while you are listening** (to the Qur'aan and other advice).

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

21. Do not be like those (the Munaafiqeen and Kuffaar) **who say, "We hear!" but they do not hear** (with the intention of accepting what they hear).

إِنَّ شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الصُّمُّ الْبُكْمُ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. Certainly the worst creatures in the sight of Allaah are the deaf (to the truth) **and dumb** (do not want to speak the truth) **who do not understand** (despite being blessed with ears, tongues and intelligence).

وَلَوْ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمْ خَيْرًا لَّأَسْمَعَهُمْ وَلَوْ أَسْمَعَهُمْ لَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. If Allaah knew of some (little) **good in them** (the Kuffaar), **He would have definitely allowed them to hear** (and accept the truth). **If** (assuming that) **He had allowed them to hear** (knowing that there is no good in them), **they would certainly** (shall) **turn away, unwilling** (to accept because they have lost their inner hearts which lead people to accept).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. O you who have Imaan! Respond (quickly) **to Allaah and His Rasool when they call you towards that** (the injunctions of the Deen) **which will give you life** (an eternal life of happiness in the Aakhirah). **Know that Allaah comes between a man and his heart** (because of which no person can have Imaan without Allaah's permission) **and that you shall be gathered before Him** (on the Day of Qiyaamah, when you will have to account for your actions).

وَأَنفُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. Beware of a trial (punishment) that will affect not only the oppressive ones (wrongdoers) from you (but will affect the righteous as well because they did not make an effort to stop the others from sin despite having the ability to do so) ! Know that surely Allaah is severe in punishment.

وَأَذْكُرُوا لَإِنَّمْ قَلِيلٌ مِّسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَتَخَطَّفَكُمُ النَّاسُ فَاولَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ يُنْصِرِم
وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. (O Muslims!) Remember the time when you were few (in number in Makkah) and regarded as weak on earth (because of which you were oppressed). You feared that people would wipe you out, then Allaah granted you a station (in Madinah), strengthened you with His assistance (when the angels assisted you during the Battle of Badr) and sustained you with pure things (spoils of war) so that you could be (remain) grateful.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. O you who have Imaan! Do not betray (disobey) Allaah and the Rasool ﷺ and do not knowingly betray your mutual trusts (by revealing each other's secrets, breaking promises, etc).

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ وَأَوْلَاكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

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28. Know that verily your wealth and your children are a test (that distract you from concentrating your efforts towards the Akhirah and tempt you to betray others) and that indeed a grand reward is with Allaah (in the Akhirah for those who do not allow these tests to distract them from fulfilling their obligations towards the Deen).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ
ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. O you who have Imaan! If you fear Allaah (be pious), He will grant you a criterion (a standard by which you can differentiate between right and wrong and a means by which you may save yourself from that which you fear), will cancel (forgive) your sins and forgive you. Allaah is extremely Bountiful.

وَأَذْيَمُكَرُكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْيُنْتَبُوكَ أَوْ يَمُكَّرُونَ وَيَمُكَّرُونَ وَيَمُكَّرُونَ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ
الْمُكْرِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. (O Muhammad ﷺ! Remember the time) When the Kuffaar schemed against you to imprison you, kill you or exile you (drive you out of Makkah). They plan and Allaah plans. Allaah is the best of planners (His plan always comes to pass regardless of what others may plan). (When the Kuffaar decided that a person from every tribe should participate in killing Rasoolullah ﷺ at night so that the blame

cannot be pinned on a single person or tribe, Allaah informed Rasulullaah ﷺ about their plan and commanded him to leave Makkah for Madinah. This he did without the Mushrikeen causing him any harm.)

وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا قَالُوا قَدْ سَمِعْنَا لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَقُلْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

31. When Our verses (of the Qur'aan) are recited to them (the Kuffaar), they say, "We have heard! We could say the same things if we wished to. These are no more than the fables of the old people."

وَإِذْ قَالُوا اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ هَذَا هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ فَأَمْطِرْ عَلَيْنَا حِجَارَةً مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ أَوْ اثْبِتْنَا بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

32. (There was a time) When they (the Mushrikeen of Makkah foolishly) said, "O Allaah! If this (Qur'aan) really is the truth from You, then shower on us stones from the skies, or afflict us with a painful punishment."

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. (However, Allaah did not do as they asked because) Allaah shall not punish them while you (O Muhammad ﷺ) are among them (because punishment affects all present and a Nabi can never be made to suffer punishment) and Allaah will not punish them while (as long as) they (some people among them) seek forgiveness.

وَمَا لَهُمْ آلَاءُ يَعْبُدُ اللَّهُ وَهُمْ يُصَدُّونَ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَمَا كَانُوا أَوْلِيَاءَهُ إِنْ أُولَئِئُوهَ إِلَّا الْمُتَفَقِّهُونَ وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. What do they (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) have that Allaah should not punish them (severely) when they prevent (others) from the Masjidul Haraam whereas they are not its guardians? Its guardians are only those who possess Taqwa (total unconscious of Allaah), but most of them do not know (that they are not supposed to be the guardians of the Kabah).

وَمَا كَانَ صَلَاتُهُمْ عِنْدَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَّا امْتِكَاءٌ وَتَصْدِيَةٌ فَدُفُّوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

35. Their prayer by the House (Kabah) is merely whistling and clapping (this was what the Mushrikeen of Makkah regarded as worship during the days of ignorance and to disturb the true worshippers). (Addressing them, Allaah says.) "So taste the punishment (defeat and death during the Battle of Badr) because you committed kufr!"

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَنْفَعُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِيُصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَسَيَنْفَعُوهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ

حَسْرَةً تُمْ يَغْلِبُونَ ذَٰلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ يُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

36. Verily the Kuffaar spend their wealth to prevent (others) from Allaah's path (Islam). They will soon spend their wealth (to fight the Muslims, as the Mushrikeen did for the Battle of Badr), then this wealth shall be a source of regret for them (because they will not achieve what they intend to) after which they will be defeated (as a punishment in this world, while Islam will continue to spread). (In addition to this worldly punishment,) The Kuffaar shall be gathered towards Jahannam (in the Akhirah)...

لِيَمِيزَ اللَّهُ الْخَبِيثَ مِنَ الطَّيِّبِ وَيَجْعَلَ الْخَبِيثَ بَعْضُهُ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ فَيَرْكُمَهُ جَمِيعًا فَيَجْعَلَهُ فِي جَهَنَّمَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

37. ...so that Allaah may separate the impure ones (the Kuffaar) from the pure (the Mu'mineen). And He will combine the impure ones and pile them on top of each other, then place them all in Jahannam. These are the losers.

قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ يَنْتَهُوا يُغْفَرْ لَهُمْ مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ وَإِنْ يَعُودُوا فَقَدْ مَضَتْ سُنتُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾

38. Tell the Kuffaar that if they desist (stop practising kufr, arrogance and accept Islam), they will be forgiven for the past (sins they had committed). However, if they continue (practising kufr and opposing the Muslims), then the procedure of the previous nations (the manner in which We destroyed the Kuffaar of the past) have passed (before them, so that they may learn a lesson from these).

وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ كُلُّهُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنْ انْتَهَوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. Fight them until no corruption (kufr) exists and all religion (worship) is for Allaah. If they desist (stop practising kufr and accept Islam), then indeed Allaah is Watchful over what they do (and will reward them for the good they do).

وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَكُمْ يُنْعِمُ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ ﴿٤٠﴾

40. (On the other hand) If they turn away (and refuse to accept Islam), then know that Allaah is your Protecting (Helping) Friend (and will assist you against them). What a terrific (good) Friend and what a terrific (good) Helper!

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا غَنِمْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ خُمُسَهُ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ آمَنْتُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا يَوْمَ الْفُرْقَانِ يَوْمَ التَّقَىٰ

الْجَمْعُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤١﴾

41. Know that from whatever spoils of war you acquire (after fighting a battle with the enemy), **a fifth of it shall be for Allaah** (to be spent on the recipients that He stipulates), **His Rasool** (to spend on Baitullaah and other Masjids), **the relatives** (of Rasulullaah ﷺ), **the poor, the orphans and the travellers** (who have been stranded without any means with them. The remaining four fifths will be distributed among the Muslims soldiers who participated in the battle) ; (distributing the spoils of war in this manner should not be at all difficult for you) **if you believe in Allaah and in what We had sent down** (angels and signs of Allaah's power) **to Our slave** (Muhammad ﷺ) **on the day of the distinction** (between truth and falsehood), (which was) **the day when the two parties** (Mu'mineen and Mushrikeen armies) **clashed** (at Badr). (Parting with one-fifth of the spoils to please Allaah would not be difficult for the Muslim soldiers when they understand that they would have never been able to win the battle without Allaah's help). **Allaah has power over everything** (He can make a small and ill-equipped army defeat a larger, heavily-armed army).

إِذْ أَنْتُمْ بِالْعُدْوَةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ بِالْعُدْوَةِ الْقُصْوَى وَالرَّكْبُ أَسْفَلَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَوْ تَوَاعَدْتُمْ لَخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِي الْمِيعَادِ وَلَكِنْ لَيَقْضِيَ اللَّهُ أَمْرًا كَانَ مَفْعُولًا لِيَهْلِكَ مَنْ هَلَكَ عَنْ بَيِّنَةٍ وَيَحْيَىٰ مَنْ حَيَّ عَنْ بَيِّنَةٍ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَسَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٢﴾

42. (The day of the distinction was the day) When you (the Muslim army) **were on the near side** (close to Madinah) **and they** (the Mushrikeen army) **were at the far side** (further away) **while the caravan** (of the Mushrikeen) **was below you** (travelling along the coast). **If you** (Muslims and Mushrikeen) **had promised** (arranged a date) **to meet each other** (in battle), **you would have differed with regard to the appointment.** However, (without the prior knowledge of either army) **Allaah decides a matter that was** (destined) **to take place so that he who was to be destroyed may be destroyed after a clear proof** (after witnessing Allaah assisted the Mu'mineen to win victory despite all odds being against them) **and so that he who was to live may live after** (witnessing) **a clear proof** (thereby giving him a chance to accept Imaan). **Without doubt Allaah is All Hearing** (He heard the du'aa of the Muslims before the battle), **All Knowing** (He knows the outcome of everything).

إِذْ يُرِيكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَنَامِكَ قَلِيلًا وَلَوْ أَرَاكُمْ كَثِيرًا لَفَشَيْتُمْ وَرَبَّنَا نَعْتَمَ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ سَلَّمَ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٤٣﴾

43. (O Muhammad ﷺ, remember the time) When Allaah showed you in your dream that they (the Mushrikeen) **were few in number** (thereby giving encouragement to the Mu'mineen). **If He had showed you that they were many in number, you** (the Mu'mineen) **would have lost courage and disputed about the issue** (about whether to fight or not). **However Allaah saved you** (from losing courage and from disputing among yourselves). **Undoubtedly He has** (profound) **knowledge of what is in the hearts** (of all).

وَإِذْ يُرِيكُمُوهُمْ إِذِ التَّفَقُّتُمْ فِي أَعْيُنِكُمْ قَلِيلًا وَيَقْلَلُكُمْ فِي أَعْيُنِهِمْ لَيَقْضِيَ اللَّهُ أَمْرًا كَانَ مَفْعُولًا وَاللَّهُ تَرْجِعُ الْأُمُورَ ﴿٤٤﴾

44. And when you (Muslims) clashed with them (the Mushrikeen), (Allaah made them appear as) reduce their number in your eyes (so that you may not lose courage by seeing an army much larger than your own) and He reduced their numbers in your eyes (to encourage the Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ to fight) so that Allaah may conclude a matter that was (destined) to happen. All matters return only to Allaah (Whose decision will always prevail). (Because it was destined that the Mushrikeen should be defeated at the hands of the Muslims, Allaah made it appear to the Mushrikeen that the Muslims were fewer than they actually were, so that the Mushrikeen would advance with all fervour to be defeated. However, once the battle had begun, Allaah made it appear to the Mushrikeen that the Muslims were many more, causing them to lose courage and to fight in a less fierce manner)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

45. O you who have Imaan! When you lock in combat with an army (of the enemy), then be steadfast (for the pleasure of Allaah) and think of (remember) Allaah abundantly (make du'aa salaah, zikr to Allaah for assistance) so that you may be successful (against the enemy).

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَعَفَا غُفُوتُكُمْ وَتَذَكَّرُوا بِرُحْمِ وَأَصْلِهِمْ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. Obey (the commands of) Allaah and His Rasool and do not fall into dispute (quarrels) with each other, for then you will become cowardly (weak) and your strength will be lost. Exercise sabr, for verily Allaah is with those who exercise sabr.

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بَطَرًا وَرِئَاءَ النَّاسِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. Do not be like those (Mushrikeen of Makkah) who left their homes arrogantly (proudly) and to show people (boasting that they would not return home without defending the Muslim army at Badr) and who prevent (others) from Allaah's path (from Islaam). Allaah surrounds all that they do (He knows all that they do and will punish them for their wrongdoing).

وَإِذْ زَيْنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَاءَهُمْ وَقَالَ لَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ الْيَوْمَ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَإِنِّي جَارٌ لَكُمْ فَلَمَّا تَرَأَتِ الْفِئَتَيْنِ لَكَّصَ عَلَى عَقِبَيْهِ وَقَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّنْكُمْ إِنِّي أَرَى مَا لَا تَرَوْنَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ وَاللَّهُ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. (Remember the time) When Shaytaan (Iblees in the guise of a leader of an Arab tribe) beautified (decorated) their actions for them (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) and told them (encouraged them to fight the Muslims), "None from man can overpower you today when I am by your side." But when the two (Muslim and Mushrikeen) armies faced each other, he (Iblees) turned on his heels (ran away) and said, "I have nothing to do with you! Without doubt I can see what you cannot see (I can see the angels coming down to assist the Muslims). I am truly afraid of Allaah, and Allaah is severe in punishment."

إِذْ يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِم مَّرَضٌ غَرَّهُمُ آلَاءُ دِينِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٩﴾

49. (Remember also the time) When the hypocrites and those in whose hearts there is a disease said, "Their religion (Islam) has deceived these people (the Muslims because they dared face a large and powerful army despite their lack of numbers and resources)." (However, these hypocrites and others like them do not realise that) Whoever trusts in (relies on the help of) Allaah (despite lacking the means), then indeed Allaah is Mighty (Capable of granting them victory), Wise (in all matters).

وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ اتَّوَفَّى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَضْرِبُونَ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَأَدْبَارَهُمْ وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ﴿٥٠﴾

50. If only you could see how the angels (of death) take the souls of the Kuffaar, hitting their faces and backs saying, "Taste (a sample of) the punishment of the Blaze (the Fire of Jahannam)!"

ذَٰلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْت أَيْدِيكُمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلَّامٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ﴿٥١﴾

51. "This (punishment) is because of what your own hands have sent forward (to the Aakhirah by committing sins). Allaah certainly does not oppress His bondsmen (and will therefore never punish a person for something/s/he did not do)."

كَذَّابٍ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٥٢﴾

52. (The ways of these Kuffaar are just) Like the ways of the people of Fir'oun and those before them. They rejected (denied) the Aayaat of Allaah, so Allaah seized (punished) them because of their sins (and not because of any injustice). Verily Allaah is Powerful (can do whatever He pleases), severe in punishment.

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُ مُغَيِّرًا لِّلْعَمَّةِ أُنْعَمَ هَا عَلَى قَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يَغْيِرُوا مَا بَأَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٣﴾

53. This (punishment) is because Allaah will not change (will not take away) any favour that He gave to a nation until they change what is within themselves (until they corrupt their beliefs and actions, thereby inviting Allaah's punishment, which will cause them to lose all their bounties). Indeed Allaah is All Hearing, All Knowing (He knows the thoughts and actions of every person).

كَذَّابٍ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ فَاهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَاعْرِضْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَكُلَّ كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

54. *(The ways of these Kuffaar are just) Like the ways of the people of Fir'oun and those before them. They rejected the Aayaat of their Rabb, so We destroyed them because of their sins and We drowned the people of Fir'oun. They were all oppressors (especially towards themselves because their oppression led to their own punishment).*

إِنَّ شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

55. *(The Jewish Banu Qurayzah tribe of Madinah had entered into a treaty with the Muslims promising that they will not assist an enemy against the Muslims, but they broke the treaty by assisting the Mushrikeen of Makkah to fight the Muslims. Referring to this Jewish tribe, Allaah says,) Without doubt the worst of creatures in Allaah's sight are those who commit kufr and will therefore not have Imaan.*

الَّذِينَ عَاهَدْتَ مِنْهُمْ ثُمَّ يَنْقُضُونَ عَهْدَهُمْ فِي كُلِّ مَرَّةٍ وَهُمْ لَا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

56. *These are the ones with whom you (O Muhammad ﷺ) had taken a pledge, then they break it at every opportunity without any fear (for going against their word).*

فَمَا تَتَقِفُهُمْ فِي الْحَرْبِ فَتَرِدْ بِهِمْ مَنْ خَلَفَهُمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

57. *So if you (Muslims) ever encounter them (the Kuffaar) in battle, then use them (defeat them so severely as) to disperse (to strike fear into the hearts of) those behind them so that they may learn a lesson (from the defeat of the others and not dare fight you).*

وَلَمَّا تَخَافَنَّ مِنْ قَوْمٍ خِيَانَةً فَانْبِذْ إِلَيْهِمْ عَلَى سَوَاءٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْخَائِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

58. *Should you ever really fear (any) betrayal from any nation (with whom you have made a pledge), then throw back (cancel) the treaty that you have contracted with them (in a manner that they and you are) on an equal footing (in a manner that they as well as you know that no treaty now exists. It is therefore necessary to first inform the opposite party that you intend cancelling the treaty). Verily Allaah does not like those who betray (those who break their treaties without first notifying the opposite party of their intentions).*

وَلَا يَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَبَقُوا أَنَّهُمْ لَا يُعْزَبُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

59. *The Kuffaar should never think that they have gone ahead (and escaped Allaah's punishment). They are definitely unable to escape (disgrace and punishment).*

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَآخِرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُوهُمْ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

60. Prepare (to use in battle) **against them** (the Kuffaar) **whatever forces of strength** (weapons) **you can muster** (collect), **as well as trained horses** (and military equipment) **with which you may strike fear into Allaah's enemies, your enemies and others besides them** (such as the Munaafiqeen). **You do not know them** (your other enemies who hide their enmity for you) **but Allaah knows them. Whatever you may spend in Allaah's way** (the reward for it) **will be given to you in full and you will not be oppressed** (you will not be given less than you deserve. In fact, the reward for Jihaad is greatly multiplied).

وَأَنْ جَحَوْلُ السَّلَامِ فَاجْنَحْ لَهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١١﴾

61. If they (your enemy) **are inclined towards making peace, then you should also incline yourselves to it** (by concluding a peace treaty with them) **and trust in Allaah. Without doubt, He is All Hearing** (listening to the clauses of your treaties), **All Knowing** (knows exactly what is in the hearts of the parties drawing up the treaty).

وَأَنْ يُرِيدُوا أَنْ يَخْدَعُوكَ فَإِنَّ حَسْبَكَ اللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي آتَاكَ بِبَصَرِكَ وَمَا لَكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

62. If they intend to betray you (by entering into a treaty), **then Allaah is enough for you** (and will protect you from their evil). **It is He Who strengthened you** (O Muhammad ﷺ) **with His assistance and with the Mu'mineen...**

وَأَلْفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلْفَتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلْفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

63. ...and created the bond of love (harmony) **between their hearts. If you had spent whatever** (wealth and resources) **is in the earth, you will not have been able to create that bond of love between their hearts, but Allaah created that bond between them. Verily He is Mighty** (can do whatever He wants), **the Wise** (in creating the bond of love between people).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَسْبُكَ اللَّهُ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

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64. O Nabi ﷺ! **Allaah and those Mu'mineen who have followed you are enough for you** (to fight off any enemy attack).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَرِّضَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَى الْقِتَالِ إِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ عِشْرُونَ صَابِرُونَ يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتِينَ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

65. O Nabi ﷺ, **encourage the Mu'mineen to fight** (the enemy in Jihaad) **! If there are twenty of you** (Muslims) **who exercise sabr, they will defeat two hundred** (of the enemy in battle).

(Similarly,) **If there are a hundred of you, they will defeat a thousand of the Kuffaar because they are people who do not understand.** (The command to the early Muslims was that they were not to flee the battlefield even though the enemy outnumbered them ten to one. However, this command was cancelled by the next verse which reduced the odds to two to one.)

أَلَنْ خَفَّ اللَّهُ عَنْكُمْ وَعَلِمَ أَنَّ فِيكُمْ ضَعْفًا فَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ صَابِرَةٌ يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتَيْنِ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أَلْفٌ يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفَيْنِ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

66. Now Allaah has lightened your burden (load) as He knows that there is weakness within you. So if there are a hundred of you who exercise sabr, they will overcome two hundred (of the enemy in battle). (Similarly,) If there are a thousand of you, they will overcome two thousand (of the enemy) by the order of Allaah. Allaah is with those who exercise sabr (who are firm-footed and He will assist them through all difficulties).

مَا كَانَ لِنَبِيٍّ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ أَسْرَىٰ حَتَّىٰ يُتْرِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ نَرِيدُونَ عَرَضَ الدُّنْيَا وَاللَّهُ يُرِيدُ الْآخِرَةَ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٧﴾

67. (When the Muslims freed the captives of Badr for ransom, Allaah revealed the verse saying,) It is not for a Nabi (not becoming of a Nabi) that he takes prisoners until he has thoroughly beaten (the enemy) in the land. (However, since this was not yet achieved during the early days of Islaam after the Battle of Badr, it was not appropriate for the Muslims to release the enemy prisoners.) You desire the things (wealth) of this world (for yourselves by accepting the ransom) while Allaah desires the Aakhirah (for you). Allaah is Mighty, the Wise (what He desires for you is best).

لَوْلَا كِتَابٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ سَبَقَ لَمَسَّكُمْ فِيمَا آخَذْتُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٦٨﴾

68. If it were not for an order that Allaah had already been preordained (written before that some of the prisoners were to become Muslims), a great punishment would have afflicted you on account of what (ransom) you took (in exchange for the freedom of the prisoners).

فَكُونُوا مِمَّا عَنِتُّمْ حَلَالِطِينَ وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٦٩﴾

69. So partake of (enjoy) the spoils (ransom) you have received (regarding it to be) lawful and pure (for you). Fear Allaah (and sincerely seek forgiveness from Him) ! Verily Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (and will therefore forgive your shortcomings).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّمَن فِي أَيْدِيكُمْ مِّنَ الْأَسْرَىٰ إِن يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ خَيْرًا يُؤْتِكُمْ خَيْرًا مِّمَّا أُخِذَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٧٠﴾

70. O Nabi ﷺ ! Tell the prisoners in your hands (in your custody), "If Allaah is aware of any good (Imaan) in your hearts (because of which you would soon become Muslims), He shall grant you better than that (ransom) which was taken from you, and will forgive you. Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

وَأَنْ يُرِيدُوا لِحَيَاتِكَ فَقَدْ خَالَوُا اللَّهَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَأَمَّا كُنْ مِنْهُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٧١﴾

71. If they (the prisoners) intend to betray you (O Muhammad), then they have already betrayed Allaah before (the Battle of Badr by committing kufr), after which Allaah gave (you) control over them (because of which you were at liberty to execute them. They can therefore expect the same if they decide to betray you and attack you again). Allaah is All Knowing, the Wise. (Therefore, none can hope to hide their intentions from Allaah.)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آوَوْا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَئِكَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَهَاجِرُوا مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى يُهَاجِرُوا ۚ وَإِنِ اسْتَنْصَرُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمُ النَّصْرُ الْأَعْلَىٰ قَوْمَ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمْ مِيثَاقٌ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ٧١

72. Without doubt those who had Imaan, who made Hijrah (migrated for Allaah's pleasure) and who strove in Allaah's way with their wealth and their lives (the Muhaajireen), as well as those who granted shelter (to them) and assisted (the Ansaar), they are all guardians (heirs and helpers) of each other. As for those who had Imaan but did not make Hijrah, you do not have any guardianship over them (you cannot inherit from them nor give them a share of the spoils of war) until they make Hijrah. (However,) If they seek your assistance in Deen (against the Kuffaar), then it will be obligatory upon you to assist them (against any enemy), except against a nation with whom you have entered into a (peace) treaty (You cannot assist them to fight such a nation). Allaah sees all that you do.

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ أَتَتَعَلَّوْهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ كَبِيرٌ ٧٢

73. As for the Kuffaar, they are guardians (heirs and allies) of each other. If you do not do so (do not act as guardians to other Muslims and do not disassociate yourselves from the Kuffaar), there shall be trouble and widespread corruption on earth (because the Kuffaar will be powerful and the Muslims will be weak).

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آوَوْا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ٧٣

74. Those who had Imaan, who made Hijrah (for Allaah's pleasure) and who strove in Allaah's way (the Muhaajireen), as well as those who granted shelter (to them) and assisted (them, referring to the Ansaar), these are the true Mu'mineen. For them shall be forgiveness and bountiful sustenance (in Jannah).

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ وَهَجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا مَعَكُمْ فَأُولَئِكَ مِنْكُمْ وَأُولُوا الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ٧٤

75. As for those who had Imaan afterwards (after the earliest Muhaajireen and Ansaar), who made Hijrah and strove with you (with the Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ), they are from you. Those who are relatives are closer to each other in Allaah's Book (and will therefore inherit from each other before anyone else). Undoubtedly (Only) Allaah knows everything (He knows who deserves what).